

NSRE UPDATE

NATIONAL SURVEY ON RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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To date Versions one to eleven of the **NSRE** have been completed. Version X's data were collected from the middle of July, 2001 through November, 2001. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, leisure lifestyles, forest setting trip destination, wildland urban interface, congressionally designated areas, and demographics. A total of 5,000 interviews were collected for Version X.

Version XI's data were collected from late July, 2001 through November, 2001. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, private land ownership, wilderness constraints, and demographics. A total of 5,000 interviews were collected for Version XI.

Version XII of the **NSRE** was started in late November, 2001 and is expected to be completed by the middle of April, 2002. Version XI contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, national forest values, public land management, rural land ownership, environmental opinions and attitudes, and demographics. All of version XI's questions are site specific to the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

Version XIII of the **NSRE** will begin in late December, 2001 and is expected to finish by late May, 2002. This version contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, national scenic byways, and demographics.

Since September 1999, when the first completed interviews for the **NSRE** were collected and analyzed, over 80 presentations and several preliminary reports and summaries have been completed. Some of the topics presented covered issues such as outdoor recreation participation trends, wilderness values, changing public environmental concerns and opinions, public land management and practices, agricultural and farm related activities, sightseeing, and people's lifestyles. A book summarizing the **NSRE**'s findings called "Outdoor Recreation: 21st Century America" is currently being written and is expected to be published early in 2002. As progress on **NSRE** continues and more interviews are completed, more presentations, reports and publications will be forthcoming. Please check our web-site for these presentations and materials.

NSRE is being administered through two survey centers: the Human Dimensions Research Laboratory and the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. To date, 90,000 hours of interviewing have been spent on data collection alone. For further information regarding the content, progress and results of the **NSRE** survey, contact Gary T. Green on (706)-559-4269 or gtgreen/srs_athens@fs.fed.us. Information may also be obtained at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/trends/>